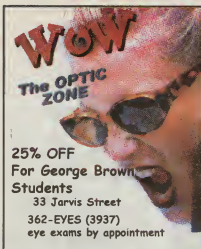


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**New Ford Thunderbird creates waves**

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**Graphic Design Production Bites It**

It started in the fall of 2000. It was supposed to be a 2-year course but at the end of the first semester they pulled the plug. Joshua Hardaker takes a critical look at what might have been and the bitter disappointment of the G107 students.

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G 107 students gather in the hallway to discuss the demise of their course. See pages 5 and 9. Image by Sera Gordon

# Why we get involved

by Allan Stokell,  
Student Association

Each year around this time I sit down in front of this very computer and write a story about why it is important to participate in student government.

Each year dutifully submit the story and it appears on the editorial page and each year not enough students participate in this important democratic process.

This year I asked for the front page because what I have to say, I might have to shout to be heard.

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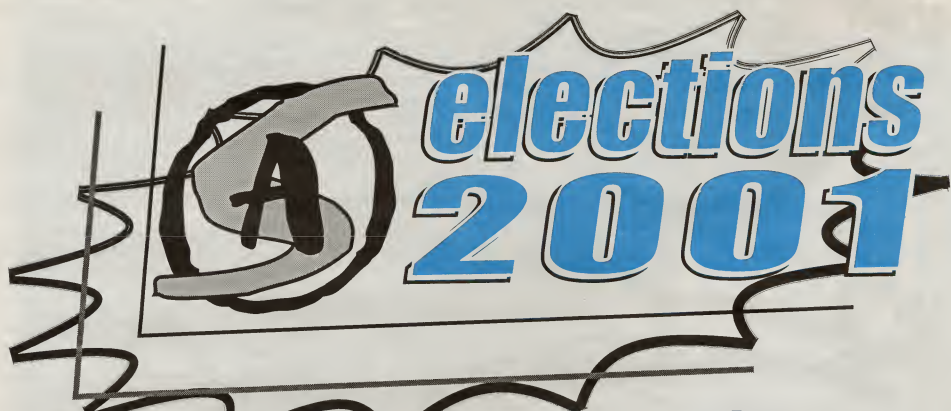
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## SHAME

Editor:

I have read your paper with great interest over the last few years and have noticed a gradual shift in content of the Dialog.

I read your Dialog Bylaws (page 9) in the last issue with some interest.

How do you propose to be a professional organization when your editorial policy is basically flawed?

Journalists who publish information without checking their sources are not journalists at all, but mere rumour mongers.

Your section that states "No volunteer, employee or contributor should submit stories concerning the College for review, change or correction by a College employee, is nothing short of unacceptable.

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## COMMENTARY

### Concerning To Whom It Concerns...

by Edwin Huang

Here I sit during a wet Wednesday afternoon, in front of the G4 pondering thoughts that occupy my little mind. I wonder if anyone else daydreams in class thinking of what is happening, is going to be happening or has happened, locally and abroad. Giddy up here we go!

Can't Cut It!

With our dutiful mayor Lastman constantly protesting that the current financial crisis the city budget is in, I can't help but picture a yappy dog chasing after his own tail. "He did this! Yeah, he did this! I'm a good boy! Mike Harris bad! Who's better than me? Noooo-body!!!!"

If only the mayor and his cohorts were more up front with his constituents in the past maybe, just maybe we wouldn't be in such a big mess. The ideas that I've heard batted around are: closing down libraries, cutting down of TTC services on Sundays, elimination of dental services for the children and low-income people, users fees for recreation centres, and lots more.....scary. It puzzles me that

in this supposed time of financial boom there is such great need in and around the city. There seems to be a mismanagement of funds and a communication breakdown somewhere along the line. If only we could convince the powers that be to focus some of that spastic energy towards more solutions and less finger pointing and accusations.

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I do not personally have aspirations of working in the e-commerce industry but many people I know do, it must be really a nervous time to be working in this field. I have read about stocks for Yahoo and many others dropping astronomically in the past year or so. For example, Buy.com stocks fell 97% this week! I think if you hold any of these stocks, it would be a good time to SELL buy, if that makes any sense?

Blood or money?

The trip by the ambitious Team Canada, (the business team assembled by the PM, not a bunch of hockey players) was a success, depending on who you ask that

is... Business contracts worth over \$5 billion were signed, sealed and waiting to be delivered this week (Feb.14), the biggest contracts were with Canadian IT companies, and transportation companies that will help build the infrastructure of one of the worlds fastest growing economies. By now, we all have heard about many of the human rights abuses being reported almost on a daily basis in our dailies. Stories such as illegal organ trade, prison labour, and child labour in sweatshop conditions. Nonetheless our leaders actions show their compassion to the average Joe in China by furthering the depths of exploitation. (Remember that these are our elected officials thus, in a way they are "us") Would you look the other way to make a quick buck? It seems that the actions of Team Canada has angered my question. Oh yeah, while strolling around Tiananmen Square, remember that the "P" word is not spelled F-U-C-K but rather FALUN GONG.

Until nExt time!  
Edwin

## Our Community

# New Comers Face Many Difficulties

by Fagir Ahmed  
Naghmi Arshad  
Sudhi Nath

Canada is a peaceful country and a great believer in democracy, human rights and diversity. Canada has been welcoming people from all over the world, and most of them coming through a lot of difficulties from their own countries.

When we say 'new

comers', we mean those people who came to Canada recently and those who have not become Canadian citizens yet. Probably, most of them have no idea about Canada when they arrived. That means they need to know everything about the country to be part of the society.

They need to know how the system works, and how the people are. They also need to know how the country

is running and bringing diverse people together as one unit and one nation. Moving around is very easy in this country and have very tolerant minds and enjoy co-operation and working together.

Also, they need to know Canadian law, value and culture because they are going to stay forever in this country. They have to be able to respect this Canadian tradition. On the other hand, Canadians need to know those people who come to Canada as new comers. Most of them have long life experience, good education, good sense of humour and they were very successful in their own countries.

The reasons they came to Canada were very hard. They came through civil war, famine or human rights violations and they came for peace, freedom and democracy. They may have it in Canada. Also, some of them came bringing their dreams to Canada. Also, some of them were thinking life is very smooth and easy. That's why they are shocked when they face many difficulties like work experience, language, social

In this research we will focus on those issues to know the exact level of each problem which has been facing them as new comers. Also, we will try to get better and easy ways that could help them to avoid depression or stress and to escape from those difficulties to get in Canadian system and become useful to themselves and Canadian society.



image by Radhika Ramachandra

To do that we have to consult, advise and encourage them to take responsibility for a better chance to get what they need and we have to show them our respect. There is no shame for starting from the beginning in many ways, going back to schools, changing careers, changing life styles and accepting value, culture and diversity Canadians have. As we know, these issues need very open minded and very tolerant persons to deal with them easily and smoothly. Any one, as a new comer, who is going to stick emotionally with his background, will definitely lose his ability for

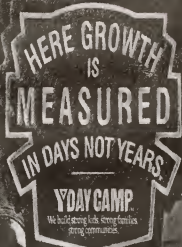
making a real change to set up with the Canadian's system and getting involved in the society.

We know those new comers cannot work alone to relieve all those difficulties and make a better life for themselves. To do that, they need our help, our co-operation, our very light heart and very open mind to get out from these difficulties and we have to have opportunities to give them a hand. Everyone has to do that either as individuals or groups or either as government or non-government.

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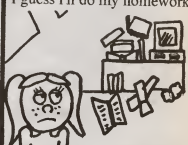
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No.....  
I should watch T.V...



UH!  
I guess I'll do my homework





# Graphic Design Production 'suspended'

by Joshua Hardaker

On Thursday, February 8, the students of Graphic Design Production attended a meeting to discuss the recent "suspension" of their program. Presented by the Dean of the Graphics Communications Department, Paul Carder, the meeting began with an explanation of the college's reasons for announcing the end of the program after only one semester of a two-year course.

Graphic Design Production (G107) was introduced for the fall of 2000 session as an amalgamation of several "legacy" programs: print technician, bindery, screenprinting and desktop publishing/composition. The intent of the program was to provide students with a fundamental understanding of all stages of graphic production from design to pre-press to printing and binding.

Dean Carder presented several points to justify the action taken by the college. These included low enrolment, small graduating classes in legacy programs, the high space-to-student ratio required for the program and a general shift in focus by George Brown College away from graphic production toward graphic design.

Students in the audience reacted to suggestions of low enrolment by noting that the college had not aggressively promoted the program, and that more effective advertising might have made more applicants aware that the course existed. The Graphic Design program sees a surplus of applicants each year, but design is generally perceived to be a more glamorous career than toiling in the lowly printing trade. This is an unfortunate perception given the number of opportunities available in the printing industry compared to the field of graphic design. According to the Canadian Printing Industry Association, printing is a ten billion-dollar business in Canada with over nine billion dollars in related commerce. With over 3,500 separate firms, Canada's printing industry employs upwards of 75,000 people nation-wide. Over fifty-two percent of this business takes place in Ontario, concentrated in the Golden Horseshoe region. George Brown College is conveniently located to take advantage of this proximity to the

industry.

Considering that Ontario's Ministry of Economic Development and Trade predicts that post-secondary enrolment will balloon by twenty-five

number of graduates employed, employed full-time and employed in related fields. This survey is available for review on the George Brown College website at [www.gbrownc.ca](http://www.gbrownc.ca).

technician program for 1998/99. Of nine graduates responding, 100% were employed full-time, with 60% in fields related to their studies. The Electronic Pre-Press and Image Assembly saw twenty-three graduates. Of seventeen who responded to the survey, 93.3% were employed full-time with 80% working in related fields. Compare these numbers to those of the Graphic Design class of 1998/99. Of 171 graduates, 126 reported that 68% of them had found full-time work since graduation, with only 44.3% in graphics-related fields. Clearly, the Graphic Arts community is not under-served.

No matter how many graphic artists and designers find their way into the working world upon graduating George Brown College, their work amounts to nothing without skilled tradespeople to prepare and produce the publications, posters and other materials of all description that actually pay their salaries. George Brown was a publisher, not a designer.

**'George Brown College once provided a great deal more space to the G107 legacy programs.'**

percent over 2000 figures by the year 2005. George Brown College would be well served to consider retaining a broad, comprehensive curriculum.

Graphic Design Production does require a high space-to-student allotment within the school. Certainly greater than Accounting, Marketing or Early Childhood Education. As a technical course, Production requires equipment which is large, immobile and admittedly often dormant. Classrooms housing this equipment and machinery are also not available for alternative uses. To be fair, however, George Brown College once provided a great deal more space to the G107 legacy programs, since when, the pre-press, printing and finishing departments have been much-reduced. The Ontario Super-Build Fund was established as part of a government commitment to provide colleges and universities with one-point-eight billion dollars to create 73,000 new spaces for students.

In the past, the precursor programs to Graphic Design Production did see small graduating classes. In November 1999, the Ministry of Education and Training produced a survey on behalf of college showing graduate employment rates. The survey polled graduates from 1998/99 and compiled data by program based on the

According to the survey, there were only eleven graduates of the printing



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### Networking on the Internet

What a great boon the Internet is to worksearchers...and particularly to networkers. And, no one gives better advice to us all in my opinion, than author Mark Swartz in *Get Wired, You're Hired*. In partnership with CACEE (Canadian Association of Career Educators and Employers), Swartz suggests:

"Going online to do a portion of your networking is a great way to increase your efficiency. Just about anyone with net access can take part in electronic discussion groups. These enable you to exchange information with people locally, nationally and all around the world. The idea here is to make contacts that you might not otherwise be able to make. Since you are not limited by time, geography or expense, vast new realms become available to you."

A perfect case in point involves a recent student of mine at the college who arranged her final practicum (placement) 3,000

miles away...with most of the initial networking and gathering of possible placement sites/supervisor's names obtained through research on the Internet. By the time the telephone communication and final arrangements took place, everyone felt like they knew one another.

So, how do traditional and electronic networking differ? Instead of approaching targeted companies or specific people directly, identify discussion groups that focus on your interests. Then make a contact, exchange information and build/develop individual relationships.

According to Swartz,

"...from a career standpoint, you can learn more about your field and ask advice from practitioners in your industry. Sometimes you can just share your stories with an interested party. You may even find people who know of employment opportunities, or can refer you to others who are hiring."

Now, on to Swartz's quick review of steps for going online to network:

1. Identify relevant discussion

groups by conducting online research  
2. Get and understanding of the group by noting key topics and tone of communication by signing on and monitoring discussions before posting your own message.  
3. Decide if this group meets your needs  
4. Make your first contact by posting a private message to a group member who seems particularly approachable  
5. Respond promptly if contacted by answering in a timely and professional manner

Check out Swartz's book for more good advice on Netiquette (rules of electronic conduct) and active websites. A few for now include:

[workinfo.net.bc.ca/forum/discussion.cfm](http://workinfo.net.bc.ca/forum/discussion.cfm)  
[www.globecareers.com](http://www.globecareers.com)  
[www.compuserve.com](http://www.compuserve.com)  
[www.prodigy.com](http://www.prodigy.com)

And two others I recommend:

<http://www.gu.edu.au/aa/ss/careers/articles/employment.htm>  
<http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/info/ccc/CRC/manual/jobworksearch.html>

Happy Online Networking!

## Hidden Camera



Lyle and Lola Loveless, renowned lounge act graced The Zone for one night only—Valentine's Day.



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This is Mark our coop student. He's finished for the year, so because he survived the Collective we are publishing his picture

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# It's Back!

by Allan Stokell

Some students spend class time dreaming about their future, love or just kicking back.

Others, fill their notebooks with doodles.

When Mark Conforzi was a Toronto student, he would spend his time drawing cars. One of his favourite cars to draw was the classic Ford Thunderbirds of the 1950s and 60s.

"My sketches were always created around that car," says Mark, now a

a number of years ago, industry analysts began to speculate as to how the T-Bird would once again rise from the ashes.



This time it has gone to its roots. The 2002 Thunderbird is a luxurious 2-seater that beckons to the 'empty nesters. Starting at \$51,000

and ending at \$56,000 this well equipped personal luxury car comes with a 3.9 litre V-8 engine and a 5 speed automatic transmission. Add

to that a list of standard features that could choke a Miata including all-speed traction control and four wheel disk brakes. Did we mention the looks?

Conforzi's team avoided making a characture of the classic T-birds and chose instead to incorporate several of the design elements into a new, modern well balanced



forty-something designer for the Ford Motor Company.

After graduating from school in Toronto, Mark went to the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California. Hethen joined Ford of Germany. He worked on many successful European designs including the Escort and Scorpio models.

Imagine his surprise when he was chosen to lead the design team that was to update Ford's grand Marque, the Thunderbird.

Born as a 2-seater sports car in the 50's the T-bird has undergone many morphs. In the early 70s, it was a five passenger luxury sedan. When Ford stopped production



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# Europe on a Poverty Budget - Take Your Bike!

by Allan Stokell

Travel in Europe in recent years has become quite expensive. As the Canadian dollar continues to slip in the international money exchanges, Canadian budget travellers have found that our dollar does not go very far.

Friends have returned from Europe with stories of budget hotels costing \$100 or more a night, a cup of coffee for \$10 and restaurant food being astronomical as well as gastronomical.

It is true that ground costs in Europe continue to escalate. However, I always travel in Europe in a most comfortable manner and my expenses remain low. A recent 10 day trip to the south of England for instance cost be less than \$1000 including airfare, ground transport, food and accommodation. "How is that possible?" you might ask. "Airfare alone must be half that!" On this trip I budgeted half my costs to trans-Atlantic airfare. I then figured that I would spend on average \$40 a night on accommodation and \$10 a day on food. When I return from Europe my friends aren't presented with lavish gifts, so additional expenses are minimum. My health plan allows for coverage while I am travelling, so even the worst case scenario doesn't add to the debt.

The real secret is not my choice of accommodation, or even the airline I fly on. The real secret is that most budget travellers don't realize the advantage of taking your bicycle to Europe. Yes it is that simple. You can have an enjoyable trip to Europe and pay next to

nothing for ground transport by bringing your bicycle along. Canadian airlines even encourage it by offering to carry your bike free on their planes.

In this story I will tell you how you take advantage of this great travel opportunity and give you some tips on how to make the experience more rewarding.

You already know that bike riding is good for you. It is great cardio-vascular exercise. People lose weight, gain muscle and feel great just by biking a few kilometres a day. Imagine taking in Europe at the same time. People who live in Europe already know the advantages of riding bicycles. In post war Europe the bicycle was king. In the latter part of the last century, Europe enjoyed a huge economic revival. At that time many people embraced the automobile, something that in the past only North Americans could afford. What they got for their reliance on the internal combustion engine was greater pollution, higher health care costs and gridlocked cities.

As it became more obvious that the automobile was not the answer to Europe's transportation problems, governments began to encourage other viable means of sustainable transport. France has its unbelievable high speed trains, but other countries most notably Denmark and Holland have looked again to the bicycle. Britain and Switzerland are developing networks and Austria and Germany already have long distance bicycle routes. If you choose to bring your bike to Europe you will join thousands of others

enthusiasts. You will never be alone on the bike paths. You will also enjoy advantages that North American bikers don't. European car drivers are very aware of bikes on the road. On one trip, I had to stop to wave cars by. In Canada, drivers would have whizzed past me centimeters from my handle bar.

Also in Europe, towns and cities are closer together, so you can easily bike between major centres often in one day. Don't try this at home. The countries mentioned above have a network of bike paths

and town and sat on a bench and enjoyed a fabulous feast while looking out at the marvelous view. Total cost for my repeat was \$8. I still kept within my \$10 a day food budget because my hotel room came with breakfast included. Lunch was bread and cheese from another market costing just less than \$2.

Accommodation does not always have to be expensive in Europe. I have found that hostels in big cities usually are the only economical place to spend the night. Some are members of

the local language communication is easier. Even if you don't, trying hard really makes a difference. A language translation dictionary and a small Canadian flag on your lapel go along way. When I try to communicate in the local language I find people are more willing to try harder. Too often young people speak English and many countries teach English as a second language in schools. Don't assume that everyone will speak your language and you will find you will have less trouble with the communication gap. I find when I start the conversation in the local tongue, it gives the resident the opportunity to switch to English if they feel comfortable. Often the Canadian flag helps and I have found that almost everyone in Europe has a relative somewhere in Canada. Explaining to Europeans that St. John's is closer to Dublin than Vancouver is no difficult. Even people who have visited Canada have no idea of our vast geographic size.

Planning your trip well in advance makes a lot of sense. You will need to know what the weather is like before you can plan what to pack. If you are biking, your wardrobe will be more pragmatic than eclectic (see Packing sidebar).

Use the Internet to plan my trips to Europe. You can easily get information on touring, maps, accommodation, weather and bike organizations. I have listed a number of the better sites below.

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## You can have a ten day European vacation and spend less than a thousand dollars

and bike lanes, so you may never have breathe in automobile fumes. In Great Britain for instance, Sustrans (Sustainable Transport) have a national network of on and off road bike paths. Other countries legislate new road construction to include bike paths. When railroad lines are closed, the tracks are torn-up and they become a national network of bike paths.

You can prepare both and your bike for the trans-Atlantic trip easily (see sidebar stories). There are a few other things you should be willing to do if you want to keep your trip in the \$1000 range. You won't be spending much time in restaurants. Although the food is all most always good in Europe, it can be expensive, especially in major cities.

One way of avoiding the expense is by taking advantage of Europe's excellent market system. Even the smallest towns have market days where local produce is sold by the farmers who make, raise or grow it. Many of these centres have become important as market towns.

If you arrive in a town when it is not market days, you still won't starve. Town centres always have the equivalent of our supermarket. There you can pick up hot main courses, salad, local cheeses, bread and your favourite potato for drinking later. These old towns almost always have places to eat this food. Sit on a bench outside the market or explore a nearby park or church yard.

The cost of prepared foods at these markets is much lower than what you might pay for similar food in a restaurant. Recently I bought a hot half roasted chicken for about \$5. At the same market I bought a fresh salad for about \$1 and a great small bottle of wine for around \$2. I walked to the walls that surrounded this

International Youth Hostel Federation. Others are independent. The independent hostels often have their own rules, so you might check to see when they are open and what services they offer.

Many countries also have "barn" type super budget accommodation. For just a few dollars you can share both accommodation and facilities with a large number of people. Both hostels and these barns will require you to carry sleeping sheets. Holland has special accommodation for bikers and hikers only in private houses. I have discovered that in small towns, I can often stay in a pension(e) or take a bed and breakfast (B&B) in a private home quite inexpensively. Check with the local tourist board. I've stayed in nice private homes for as low as \$30 and sometimes the price includes a breakfast. In England the breakfasts are huge. They start with tea and cereal, then carry on with a large dinner plate full of fried eggs, sausage, potato, beans, fried bread and tomato. Cold sausage and jam follows to fill in the empty spots in your stomach. Wash all this down with tea or really excellent coffee and you won't need lunch.

Always be prepared for a splurge. Once I stayed myself in a seaside town in high season. There appeared to be no vacancies anywhere. I checked the tourist office and the clerk pointed around for me. The only thing available was an old hotel located in the centre of the town. It was \$10 more than I spend, but I was stuck. I didn't want to sleep on the beach that night. I'd just come from the interior of the country where the accommodation had been well below my budget each night, so a one night splurge discomfited me a bit. It was marvelous, but aging Edwardian hotel. The room was huge with high ceilings and an air of aging opulence. Well worth the extra ten bucks.

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# In Focus

## The Demise of G107

G107 has been cancelled, what do you think of the college cancelling a course without consulting with the students first?



**J Wydra**  
G107 student

Duped, I feel like a sucker!



**Rubiyatt Malik**

We paid \$\$ for this course and I don't know if we will get our \$\$'s worth.



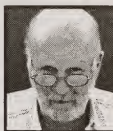
**Tim, Evie, Mike, Billy**  
Ripped off, it sucks, they are giving up on us, we are tired of being guinea pigs



**Sera Gordon**  
It is wrong! Inevitably it does not affect the administrators position within the college



**Donna Tozzi**  
I disagree, I hope that this won't affect current students from graduating



**Bill Southern**  
They called it a strategic move! There are a lot of unhappy people when this happens



**Kyle**  
It is a shame! They should focus on the production end. Not the graphic design students



**Bill Kidd**  
I dislike it, but there is no easy way to suspend a program!



**Ruth**  
They should have informed us first. What if we need to re do a course?



**Jim Meikle**  
Shutting down the screen printing component in the middle of the program is LUDIKRIS!

## K-Sera-Sera

by Sera Gordon, Revolutionary & Dialog Collective Writer

Fortunately I was able to go to Vancouver to participate in the Canadian University Press Conference 2 weeks ago. I did not know what to expect at the conference, but was honored just the same! My goal was to bond with my collected crew!

Our plane dipped down in Vancouver on a sunny afternoon! WOW! We were ecstatic! We had not seen sun like this in months! Allan Stokell greeted us at the airport to prep us on what we should be prepared for.... The conference was held in Richmond, which was a bit disappointing. It would be like coming to Toronto and staying in Scarborough. No worries we were only an hour from downtown. We got settled at our hotel, had lunch, and mingled with other delegates from around Canada, met Aileen our roommate, from U of T. Collectively we decided that we should spend our first afternoon exploring downtown! And so we walked and walked and walked the sea wall around the West end of the city it was so beautiful. It definitely left an imprint in my mind that I will be returning back to

Vancouver in the future for good! The sensations that Vancouver gives me is unreal. It is hard to understand unless you have already been there for your self to experience it. The landscape it self is ethereal. With the sunshine beaming down on us I think it would be accurate to say that we all felt rejuvenated by the smell of the fresh air and the vibes we were receptive to. The conference was hard work, but a great experience. The seminars ranged from student issues, to discussion panels, to typography, to pre press. I achieved my goal. We shared a learning experience that can not be taken from us. We bonded on another level. I hope that in the future we will be able to retain our friendship in the years to come after we leave this place that we spend so much of our time at called school.

On a different level there is something happening at the school that you may not be aware of. The program I am enrolled in GRAPHIC DESIGN PRODUCTION has been cancelled. (They will continue the 2 year program so the current students will be allowed to graduate). Personally, I feel that a lot of questions are not being answered by

the administration. I don't know how the students will be able to fight this misfortune, but I think that if we come together as a group and demand straight up explanations, and not circular arguments we will be able to get to the bottom of this. You may interested in asking the MINISTER OF EDUCATION what her position is on what GBC is doing.

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Andy Barry from the CBC AM feedback line VOX BOX can be reached at (416) 205 5807 I hope that this information is helpful and is utilized by the students who are being affected by this. Let me know how it goes. Also, if you have any comments or would like to add to the information please feel free to e mail me [kserasera@chickmail.com](mailto:kserasera@chickmail.com).

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## HUSKIES Guaranteed a Spot in the PLAYOFFS

by Leah Caverley

It has been a long, tough battle for the Men's Basketball Team in the New Year, but they have secured themselves a spot in the Playoffs. The Men are now positioned at a 7th place ranking in the Country, when only days ago they were ranked number one. The men have been playing inconsistently in their last few match-ups. Heading up against Fanshawe, a team who the Huskies pounded in their home invitational tournament, let it slip by in exhibition play with a four-point loss.

At the end of January the men gave up a loss to Seneca coming up short one point, and a mere two days later, the men took revenge on Seneca by neutralizing the sting with a 28 point drubbing. If the team can remain focused and with some hard work they can look to continue their winning ways right into the OCAA Championships coming up in March. After chatting with Wayne Willis, this month's Athlete of the Month, he had a few words to say about the team. "We are going through some bumps right now, but we are determined to make it to the championships. To make it there, we must cut the arguing down

making the OCAA Top Ten Scoring List for the Central Division. With a points per game average of 19.7, Dion leads the central division. Raymond's solid 13.9 PPG has earned him 6th spot on the Point Leader List.



to a minimum and keep a positive attitude. At times we don't connect as a unit, if we can continue to play together no one can stop us."

Dion Horsford and Raymond Morgan are ripping it up in individual statistics, both



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Gymnasium!!!

## Hoop-A-Thon A Success

by Leah Caverley

The first annual Hoop-A-Thon was held February 1st in the St. James Campus Gymnasium. The hour-long event ran over the lunch hour and each participant tried fifty free throw shots. It was a fun filled afternoon. The event raised money for three great organizations, The Special Olympics, George Brown Colleges' Athletics Department, and The Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA). Colleges across the province participated in the annual event, which provides much needed assistance to the organizations involved. Although the event participant count was low, the College Vocational Class and members from the Men's and Women's Basketball teams made the event a success.

A special thanks to all the students who worked hard to raise almost \$800 dollars. Everyone was awarded a prize, but the top pledge collector received a \$100 dollar certificate to travel with Via Rail, second top pledge earner was awarded Sport Sun Glasses and the third place received a weekend for two get-away at a Howard Johnson Hotel. My sincere thanks to all those who participated, and the Athletics Department looks forward to another successful event next year.

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## 8th Annual George Brown College Indoor Soccer Tournament

by Leah Caverley

Saturday February 10th at the Scarborough Indoor Soccer Centre, 20 college teams met to battle for the annual George Brown Indoor Soccer Tournament Championship title. Overwhelmed by the skill and endurance of the players, the tournament was a success. In the Women's Pool A, George Brown, Conestoga Alumni, Sir Sanford Fleming, Humber and Redeemer competed for the final spot against Pool B, consisting of George Brown Alumni, Conestoga, Centennial, Ryerson and Niagara. From Pool A, Humber found a spot in the finals after successfully winning all four of their games. In the Pool B's afternoon of play, the George Brown Alumni did not give up one loss, which reserved them a spot in the final game against Humber.

The Championship game was a disappointment for our Lady Alumni team,

when Humber slipped 4 goals by Marife Villagonzalo, a past OUA goalkeeper and the goalie who led GBC to capture OCAA Indoor Soccer Title in 1997.

The Men also shared in the action. Pool A consisted of George Brown College, Niagara, Ryerson, Conestoga and Sir Sanford Fleming (L). The teams battled for a spot against a team from Pool B, GBC Alumni, Centennial, Humber, St. Lawrence (K), and Redeemer. Competition was fierce and the men challenged each other in every match. In the end, it was down to points for and points against in deciding who would compete in the Championship game. After tying two and winning two games, Conestoga met up with St. Lawrence who gave up only one loss. In the end, St. Lawrence won 4-2. A special thanks to Sheky Yew Woon and Ed Mark who made the tournament a success.

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